

Village of Los Lunas



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New Fireworks Ordinance Passed

The Village Council has passed a new fireworks ordinance and the changes could affect you.

Permissible fireworks in the village will now be cone fountains, crackling devices, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches, toy smoke devices, and wheels.

Prohibited aerial fireworks include aerial spin-

ners, helicopters, mines, missile-type rockets, roman candles, shells, and stick-type rockets. Prohibited ground audible devices are chasers and firecrackers.

Fireworks vendors will now obtain the fireworks retail sales permit from the village fire department.

The new fireworks ordinance is available on the village website site, www.loslunasnm.gov.

Council Prohibits Water Waste; Encourages Conservation by Everyone

The Village Council has passed an ordinance which prohibits any "person, firm, corporation, or government facility or operation" from causing or permitting to occur any water waste or the flow of fugitive water onto adjacent properties or public rights-of-way "whether served by the municipal water utility or by a private well."

Water waste is non-beneficial use of water. Such uses include water applied so it overflows the landscaped area being watered and runs onto adjacent property or public right-of-way and washing vehicles, equipment or hard surfaces such as driveways when

water is applied in sufficient quantity to result in excess flow from that surface onto adjacent property or the public right-of-way.

The following restrictions now apply to all properties using spray irrigation within the municipal limits or are served by the municipal water utility:

- From April 1 through September 30, spray irrigation is allowed only from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. on all properties.

- Shut-off nuzzles are required on any hoses used for hand watering, vehicle or equipment washing or other outdoor uses.

- Additional scheduling or restrictions may be applied during declared drought or emergency events.

Any responsible party who violates the ordinance prohibiting water waste is subject to progressively higher penalty fees until the violation ceases, an extension of time for corrective measures is granted or an appeal is initiated in accordance with the provision of the ordinance.

The first observed violation results in a warning with no penalty fee; the second observed violation \$50; and the third and all subsequent violations \$100.



CSI Los Lunas

Thought you'd only see a Crime Scene Investigation van on television? The Village of Los Lunas Police Department now has its own CSI van. Watch for it at a variety of sites.

Continuing to Clean Los Lunas

Over one hundred volunteers gathered on a cloudy April morning to help clean up Los Lunas during the Great American Clean Up Day.

Seven in the morning wasn't too early for the people who managed to gather some 243 bags of trash filling four pickup trucks and six dumpsters.

Among the organizations the volunteers represented were Casa Manzano, NM Women's Academy, Tiger Scouts, Municipal Court, Magistrate Court, UNM Wellness Center and San Clemente Parish.

Also Knights of Columbus, Valencia Elementary, Bandits 4-H and residents of the Los Cerritos Road community.

Many areas were cleaned including east and west Main Streets, Don Pasqual, Tondre Road, north and south Los Lentos, east side of Morris Road, Lambros Loop and Camelot Boulevard.

Other areas cleaned were Grant Boulevard, Emilio Lopez Road, Los Morros Business Park, Sun Ranch Village, Los Cerritos Road and the Valencia Y.

Local business sponsors for the clean up were Adobe Flowers, Wild Mustang Steakhouse, T.J.'s Mexican Restaurant, A Look of Elegance Beauty Salon, G & A Mobile DJ, Wal-Mart Supercenter, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Starbucks Coffee, Sonic Drive In – Los Lunas and Smith's Food & Drug.

The Village holds monthly cleanups coordinated by Marie Marquez who may be reached by calling the village administration office at 839-3840.

The next major clean up will be the Trek for Trash in September. Watch the village's website and this newsletter for a firm date.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the council chambers in the Administration Building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Remaining meeting dates for 2007 are:

May 24 June 7 & 21

July 12 & 26 August 9 & 23

September 6 & 20 October 4 & 18

November 1 & 29 December 6 & 20

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Building, at 660 Main Street NW, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street NE; and posted on the village website (address: www.loslunasnm.gov).



Participants in April's Great American Clean Up Day prepare for going out and gathering trash throughout the village.

Look at Xeriscape

With the new water restrictions in Los Lunas, consider xeriscape. Xeriscape is water-efficient landscaping appropriate to the natural environment.

The term xeriscape is derived from the Greek word xeros which means dry. Xeriscape creates a visually attractive landscape using plants selected for water efficiency. Properly maintained, a xeriscape can easily use less than one-half the water of traditional landscapes.

In New Mexico, water-conserving landscaping is the natural choice.

More information about xeriscaping can be found at the Xeriscape Council of NM website — www.xeriscapenm.com.

Pay Your Village Water Bill Online — Go To www.loslunasnm.gov

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning Mayor
Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo Charles Griego
Gerard Saiz Robert Vialpando

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon
Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk
Chief of Police Nick Balido

Development Around Rail Runner Station Studied

The area around the New Mexico Rail Runner station is currently being studied for future development and transit opportunities.

The Rail Runner station is located at the intersection of Courthouse and Juan Perea Roads.

The Rail Runner now stops at the station three times in the morning, once in the early afternoon and three times in the evening.

According to Tony Sylvester of the Mid Rio Grande Council of Governments, one of the goals of the study is to identify economic opportunities which have been and can be created by the Rail Runner.

The study will also look at land use planning around the station as well as increased development.

A market analysis will be conducted of the area and an advisory group developed to help with the project.

A report will be brought to the community regarding the area around the station.

Summer Brings Mosquitoes; Village Tackling Them

With hotter weather arriving soon, the Village of Los Lunas will be fighting pesky mosquitoes in a variety of ways so your summer can be pleasant.

Village equipment will treat sites for the early stages (larvae) of mosquitoes.

Spraying will be performed throughout the village in the morning and afternoon using the Ultra-Low Volume sprayer which provides a spray mist. The sprayer will focus on areas with lots of grass and water collection areas, but will still cover all the village.

Residents who have questions about mosquito control can call the Parks and Recreation Department at 352-3584. Businesses should also call if concerns have been raised about insects in the area of the business.

The Parks and Recreation Department is in charge of combating summer's skin-biting insects.

The village can also place gambusia (fish) into ponds to help fight mosquitoes breeding.

**VISIT THE
VILLAGE WEBSITE**
www.loslunasnm.gov

SHOP IN LOS LUNAS

WANTED

LOS LUNAS POLICE OFFICERS

The Los Lunas Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer.

Minimum requirements are:

- At least 21 years old
- No domestic violence or felony convictions
- Be able to pass a physical agility and written test
- High school diploma or GED
- No DWI convictions during the last 7 years

Certified officers are preferred but the village accepts non-certified applications.

Certified officers start at \$13.26 per hour on probation. Uncertified start at \$12.25 per hour.

Benefits include 100% insurance, 50% dental, annual and sick leave accrued on a monthly basis, 11 paid holidays with 20 and 22 year retirement plans.

There's more — bike patrol, criminal investigations, community policing, traffic enforcement, and S.W.A.T. as well as educational opportunities.

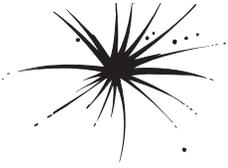
Pick up your application at the Los Lunas Police Department located in the Village Administration Building, Don Pasqual and Main Street Monday through Friday 8 AM through 4 PM.

Applications are being accepted until all positions are filled so now is your opportunity to help the citizens of Los Lunas while doing something you may have always dreamed of.

And remember — the Los Lunas Police Department is an equal opportunity employer.



JULY 4TH EXTRAVAGANZA



CELEBRATE ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH
PARADE ON MAIN STREET
FESTIVITIES AT
DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK



ENJOY THE 4TH AT HOME!

Summer Family Films
Showing in June and July

Contact the
Parks & Recreation Dept. at 352-3584
for Film Information and Tickets

SUMMER FEST

JUNE 8TH, 9TH & 10TH

LOS LUNAS SPORTS COMPLEX HIGHWAY 314 & MORRIS ROAD

ENJOY EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FRIDAY JUNE 8TH -

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

SATURDAY JUNE 9TH -

ANNUAL CAR SHOW



MICROBREW BEER & WINE TASTING

OUTDOOR MOVIE

SUNDAY JUNE 10TH - GARAGE SALE & SWAP MEET

ALL WEEKEND CARNIVAL AND ART SHOW

FAMILY FUN GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

CALL THE VALENCIA COUNTY CHAMBER FOR INFORMATION 352-3596